Clearance of pending power projects of Madhya Pradesh

3324. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) whether a number of power projects from Government of Madhya Pradesh have been pending Central Government's approval at different stages with different stages with different Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the cost, capacity and the stages at which each project stands; and

(c) by when each project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Three Hydro-electric projects viz. Bodhgat (Indira Sarovar — 4×125 = 500 MW), Hasdeo Bango (3×40 = 120 MW) and Bansagar Tons Power House-IV (2×10 = 20 MW) are pending clearance of the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Besides these, two Hydro-electric projects viz. Marhikheda (2×20+1×20 = 60 MW) and Omkareshwar Multipurpose Project (8×65 = 520 MW) and two thermal power projects i.e. Bina TPS (4×250 = 1000MW) and Raigarh TPS (2×500 = 1000MW) are currently being examined from techno-economic angle by the Central Electricity Authority. Such clearances for power projects are dependent upon the State Governments/ State Electricity Boards furnishing the full desired information in establishing of fuel linkage, water availability, associated transmission system, environmental clearance etc. and compliance of section 29 of Indian Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. The total investment in these seven projects is approximately Rs. 6,000 crores.

Power position in U.P.

3325. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand and supply position of power to Uttar Pradesh, district-wise at present;

(b) whether Government propose to take some steps to meet the demand of power of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and priorities of districts if any, fixed; and

(d) if no priorities have been fixed, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period November, 1992, the energy requirement in Uttar Pradesh was 21455 million units against which the availability was 19071 million units.

(b) to (d) In order to mitigate the power shortage in Uttar Pradesh it is envisaged to add 1607.5 MW capacity during the 8th Plan. In addition, the State will also get its due share from the Central Sector Projects which are being set up in the Northern Region. Various other measures being taken to increase the availability of power in Uttar Pradesh include maximising generation from existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme, Reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and Energy conservation measures, assistance from neighbouring States and Systems.